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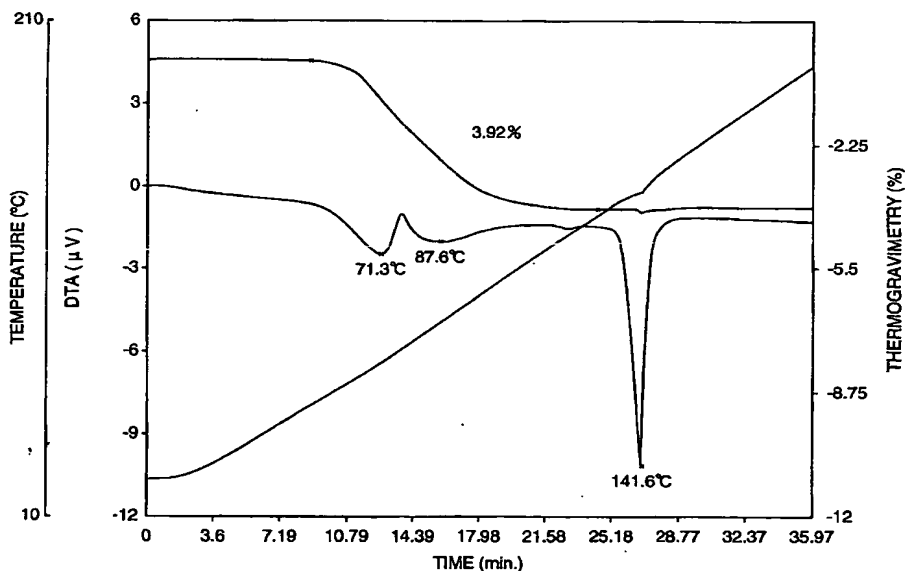
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(54) Title: **CARBOSTYRIL DERIVATIVES AND SEROTONIN REUPTAKE INHIBITORS FOR TREATMENT OF MOOD DISORDERS**



(57) Abstract: The pharmaceutical composition of the present invention comprises (1) a carbostyryl derivative and (2) a serotonin reuptake inhibitor in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. The carbostyryl derivative may be aripiprazole or a metabolite thereof, which is a dopamine-serotonin system stabilizer. The serotonin reuptake inhibitor may be fluoxetine, duloxetine, venlafaxine, milnacipran, citalopram, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline or escitalopram. The pharmaceutical composition of the present invention is useful for treating patients with mood disorders, particularly depression or major depressive disorder.

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FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

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Claims Nos.: 1-36

The terms "carbostyryl derivative" and "metabolite of aripiprazole" used in claims 1, 2, 4, 6-14, 16, 18-26, 28, 30-36 are vague and unclear and leave the reader in doubt as to the meaning of the technical features (i.e. the compounds) to which they refer, thereby rendering the definition of the subject-matter of said claims unclear (Article 6 PCT). Independent of the above, the Applicant has not provided any test to demonstrate whether a compound is a metabolite of aripiprazole or not. There is therefore insufficient disclosure (Art. 5 PCT) to allow the skilled man to determine which compounds fall within the definition.

Claims 1-36 encompass a genus of compounds defined only by their function ("dopamine-serotonin system stabilizer" and "serotonin reuptake inhibitor"), wherein the relationship between the structural features of the members of the genus and said function have not been defined. In the absence of such a relationship either disclosed in the as-filed application or which would have been recognized based upon information readily available to one skilled in the art, the skilled artisan would not know how to make and use compounds that lack structural definition.

Present claims 9, 11, 13-21, 23, 25-33 and 35 relate to an extremely large number of disease states. The therapeutic application is defined as "mood disorders" or even "disorders" which does not allow any practical application in the form of a defined, real treatment of a pathological condition. It is noted that any disease may represent a disorder. A lack of clarity (and/or conciseness) within the meaning of Art. 6 PCT therefore arises.

Independent of the above, the Applicant has not provided any test to demonstrate whether a disease is a mood disorder or not. There is therefore insufficient disclosure (Art. 5 PCT) to allow the skilled man to determine which diseases fall within the definition.

Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to compositions comprising aripiprazole, dehydroaripiprazole, DM-1458, DM-1451, DM-1452, DM-1454 or N-(2,3-Dichlorophenyl)piperazine in combination with fluoxetine, duloxetine, venlafaxine, milnacipran, citalopram, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline or escitalopram in relation to their use in the treatment of depression or major depressive disorder.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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Although claims 25-36 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1-36
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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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